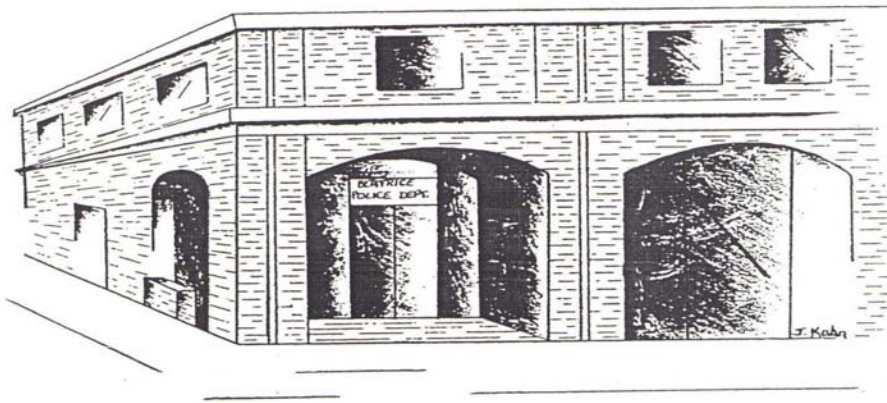


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A word from Chief Lang . . .

I am pleased to present to you the 2001 Annual Report for the Beatrice Police Department. We were unable to present a 2000 report due to our ongoing computer problems. We are also unable to present some of the first half of 2001 stats for this same reason. We have formed a committee of Police, Fire, Communications Center users, technology experts and City Council members in



an effort to bring forth a solution to our software problems. We anticipate a proposal to be presented in the upcoming budget year that will address our computer software issues.

As you will see in this report, 2001 was an active year. We finally saw our staffing shortages relieved with the completion of training for several officers and dispatchers. With the addition of another dispatcher to the communications center it allowed us to accomplish several things. We will be able to reduce the overtime hours needed to staff vacations, sick leave and training for communications center personnel. Dee Fritch will be given additional responsibilities within the communications center and Lt Joe Hawkins will be assigned to manage the criminal investigations unit assisting with the major cases.

The Beatrice Police Department is entering a critical period in its history. Within the next two years, we will be faced with the challenge of several retirements by our senior staff. We will lose a wealth of knowledge and experience that will not be easily replaced. Several promotions will become available which often serves as a stimulus to an organization with the possibility of advancements.

As you look through this report I encourage you to call with any questions that you may have. It is our hope that next years report will be more in depth and comprehensive in the area of statistics we provide.

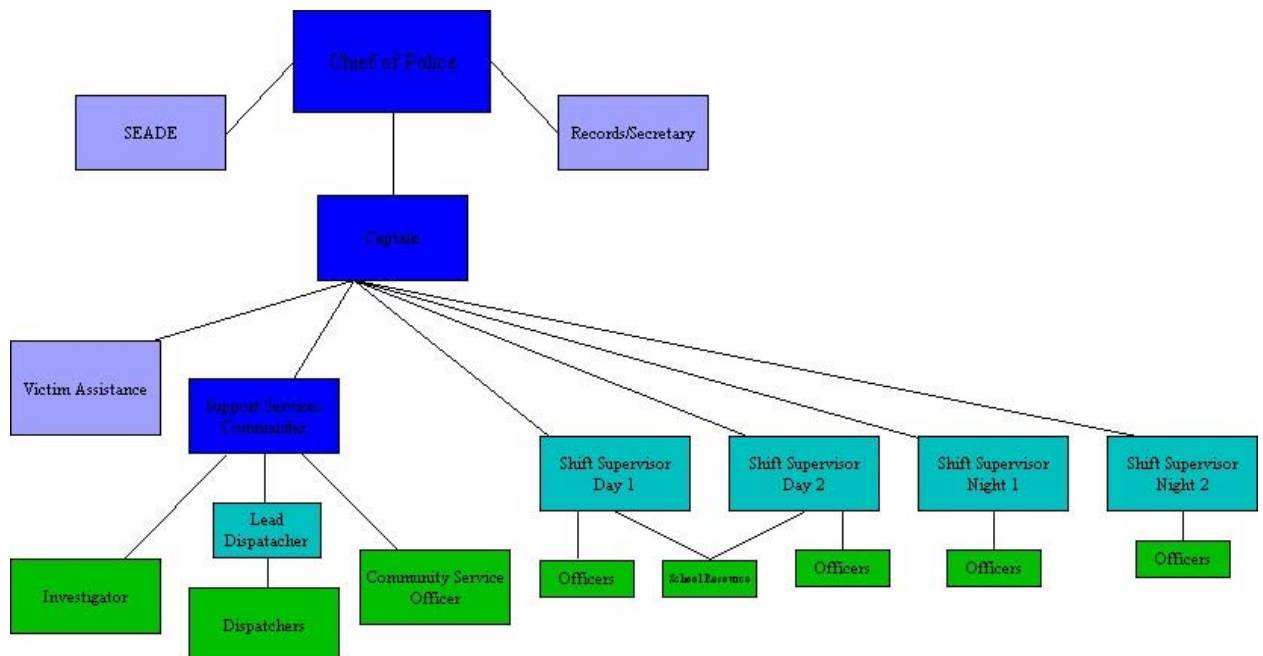
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being more prominent than the last name "Lang".

Chief Bruce Lang

Administration



Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart



2001 Grants

This year only three grants were applied for. The first one was through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program. The Victim Assistance Unit provides a variety of services to the victims of crime, and has proven to be very beneficial, not only to the victims of crime, but to law enforcement as well.

The second grant is also from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, for the continued funding of the SEADE task force. The task force is currently in its fifth year of existence and has proven to be very beneficial in the fight against drugs.

The last grant applied for was a block grant for equipment through the Nebraska Commission of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The equipment we would be getting with the grant funds is a new UHF radio to be placed into the mobile command vehicle, so that it can act as a communication center during natural disasters or at major crime scenes. This grant is still pending approval.

A complete breakdown of the grants is listed below:

July	The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program.
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Grant funds: \$33,000

Match funds: 8,250

July	The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continuation of the SEADE Task Force.
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Grant funds: \$90,000

Match funds: 30,000

December	A block grant was applied for through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for radio equipment. This grant is still pending approval.
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Grant Funds: \$1100

Match funds: 115

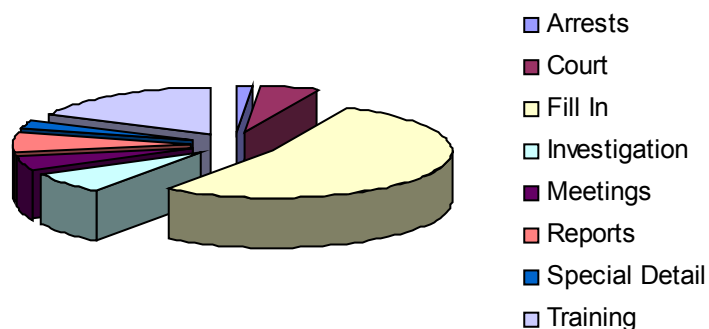
Overtime 2001

The overtime hours for this year reflected a 10.6 per cent increase over last year, which was largely due to an increase in training. Although the department had one officer, and two full time dispatchers resign last year, the budget for filling in for them increased by only 2.6 percent. This is largely due to being able to utilize part time dispatchers to fill in until the full time dispatcher positions could be filled. The only other area showing a significant change is in the area of special details. This reflects a significant drop in hours spent, largely due to the fact that no selective enforcement grants were utilized in 2001.

Overtime Totals

Arrests	39.6
Court	172.5
Fill In	1670.5
Investigation	240.9
Meetings	159.0
Reports	201.0
Special Detail	81.0
Training	567.0
Total Hours	3131.5

Overtime Breakdown



Communications



Communication Center

This year the communication center suffered the resignation of two full time dispatchers and one part time dispatcher. We were able to fill these positions quickly, without a loss in efficiency. Another full time dispatcher has been hired, bringing the total number of full time dispatchers to eight. This dispatcher will serve to fill in during vacation periods when our part timers are not able to fill in. Hopefully with this additional dispatcher and three part time dispatchers the overtime for the dispatchers will be cut to a minimum.

The last phase of our mobile data communication system, report writing and records access, has not come into existence as yet. The software vendor we have been using was not able to provide a system that would function properly, so that part is still in limbo. It appears that the only way this can be remedied is with new software for the CAD and Records Management System. Until that happens we will not be able to meet the requirements of the Federal Grant, which allowed the purchase the mobile data system.

We are awaiting the completion of the installation of a county mapping computer system, which is to be completed by March of 2002. This system will indicate on a map, on a computer screen, the location of a 911 call. This will be very handy for the dispatchers, especially for county calls, in being able to get assistance to that location since it is shown on a map. A copy of the map, with the location, can be sent to printers of the rural fire and rescue departments, which will be of great assistance to them. Another feature that this system allows for is automatic vehicle location. Any vehicle with a GPS AVL transmitter can be shown on the map, and its progress can be tracked. This will be a benefit in that the dispatchers can direct emergency vehicles to where they need to go, especially in the county, without unnecessary delays due to closed roads or roads under construction. The map system will be kept up to date to reflect road closings due to bridges being out, as well as construction areas.

ABOUT THE DISPATCHERS

The Beatrice Communications Center now employs eight full time dispatchers and three part time dispatchers.

The eighth full timer dispatcher was just added in December of 2001 which allows using this person to cover for the other seven taking vacations and sick time without using overtime with the others and helping us have double coverage from 0300 hrs. to 0800 hrs. during other days.

We also employ three part time dispatchers that cover on weekend days as they all have other full time jobs and can't help with other hours.

All dispatchers have secondary duties assigned to them as well as doing their regular dispatch duties such as answering phones, both regular lines and 911 and BPW lines on weekends, evenings and holidays, answering radio communications, running the NCIC/NCIS teletype terminal, typing officers tapes, entering calls for service and many other miscellaneous duties which they do for three law enforcements agencies, Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriffs Office and Wymore Police Department and seventeen rural fire and rescue agencies.

Our full time dispatchers and date of hire dates are as follows:

Dee Fritch	09-30-85
Jeri Kuhn	12-29-91
Sue Sullivan	12-21-92
Chris Henrichs	09-18-93
Ed White	09-06-94
Andrew Sheldon	07-03-01
Stephanie Wells	11-01-01
Shelena Maguire	12-01-01

Our part time dispatchers and dates of hire are as follows:

Judie Braun	12-12-87
Kim Bryson	12-18-99
Kelly Hogg	12-01-01

All dispatchers, both full and part time, are very dedicated to their jobs. Each has to be certified in the use of the teletype, be CPR certified and also have Emergency Medical Dispatch certification. They also must be very patient as we have been struggling with computer systems and each time we change it takes a great deal of patience in learning and using the system.

CALLS BY AGENCIES

The following statistics reflect calls received between the dates of 6-25-2001 and 12-31-2001

ADAMS FIRE	7
ADAMS RESCUE	23
BARNESTON FIRE	16
BEATRICE FIRE/RESCUE	1022
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS	178
BEATRICE RURAL FIRE	119
BLUE SPRINGS FIRE	51
CORTLAND EXTRICATION	4
CORTLAND FIRE	14
CLATONIA FIRE	32
CLATONIA RESCUE	26
CORTLAND QRT'S	9
DILLER FIRE	1
DILLER RESCUE	1
DEWITT RESCUE	1
FILLEY FIRE	10
FIRTH FIRE	1
HALLAM FIRE	3
LIBERTY FIRE	1
ODELL FIRE	14
ODELL QRT'S	6
PICKRELL FIRE	40
WYMORE FIRE	53
WYMORE RESCUE	104
WYMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT	643
GAGE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	2237
BEATRICE POLICE DEPARTMENT	7882
TOTAL	12633

These calls include Burn Permits for the Fire agencies as well as actual fires, injury accidents and alarms.

CALLS BY TYPE

The following statistics reflect Calls for Service received between the dates of 6-25-2001 and 12-31-2001, and indicate only the call as classified by Communications Personnel upon initial assessment of information. Often, after investigation, the call type is re-classified by the responding officer.

RAPE/CHILD	1
INDECENT EXPOSURE	3
SEX ASSAULT W/OBJECT ADULT	1
SEX ASSAULT W/OBJECT CHILD	3
FORCIBLE FONDLING/CHILD	2
STATUTORY RAPE	2
OBSCENE MATERIAL/PORNO	1
ROBBERY	3
ASSAULT/AGGRAVATED/FELONY	1
ASSAULT/OFFICER/FELONY	1
ASSAULT BY CONFINED PERSON	1
ASSAULT/SIMPLE MISDEMEANOR	122
BURGLARY/RESIDENCE	55
BURGLARY/COMMERCIAL	30
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/RESIDENCE	7
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/COMMER	7
SHOPLIFTING	22
GAS DRIVE OFF	31
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	163
THEFT/MV PARTS, ACCESSORIES	11
BICYCLE THEFT	48
THEFT FROM BUILDING/RESIDENCE	65
THEFT FROM BUILDING/NON-RES	28
THEFT FROM VENDING MACHINE	2
THEFT/OTHER	201
THEFT/FAIL TO PAY/RETURN	6
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	72
ARSON-RESIDENCE	2
ARSON-OTHER	3
TRANSFERS	401
JUVENILES	190
FIELD INTERVIEW	133
RURAL FIRES	91
CITY FIRES	107
RESCUE RURAL	165
RESCUE CITY	301

VACATION WATCHES	76
BURGLAR ALARMS	130
FIRE ALARMS	105
BURN PERMIT	240
ASSIST CITIZEN	285
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS	170
MOTORIST ASSIST	166
WEATHER	23
WATCH	97
FIREWORKS VIOLATION	35
SEADE CASES	30
PUBLIC SERVICE	53
FRAUD	60
HARASSMENT	148
INJURY	1
CRIMESTOPPERS	17
TERRORISM	11
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	15
BAD CHECKS	3
EMBEZZLEMENT	1
VANDALISM/COMM BUILDING	28
VANDALISM/RESIDENCE	51
VANDALISM/VEHICLE	153
VANDALISM	106
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATION	10
DRUG VIOLATION	49
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	4
GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	1
ABUSE/NEGLECT-CHILD	78
ABUSE/NECLECT-ADULT	4
DUI/ALCOHOL	48
DUI/DRUGS	3
LIQUOR LAWS/OTHER	58
MINOR IN POSSESSION	8
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	119
DISTURBANCE/LOUD PARTY	96
DISTURBING THE PEACE	109
CIVIL DISPUTE	110
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	150
BOMB/DEVICE	1
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1
PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION	13
PUBLIC NUISANCE	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	398
BARKING DOG	58

ANIMAL CRUELTY	34
JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLE	23
SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT	132
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	126
SUSPICIOUS OCCURRENCE/OTHER	161
PROWLER	25
TRESPASSING	29
RUNAWAY	55
MISSING PERSON/ADULT	11
MISSING PERSON/CHILD	19
LOST ANIMAL	68
LOST PROPERTY	47
FOUND ANIMAL	174
FOUND PROPERTY	185
DEATH/NATURAL	2
DEATH/HOSPICE	11
DEATH/CORONER CALL	2
DEATH/ACCIDENTAL	1
SUICIDE	7
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	24
EPC	3
MENTAL HEALTH CALL	16
DRUNKENESS/CHECK	12
WORK ACCIDENT	2
PUBLIC ACCIDENT	1
ANIMAL BITE	23
ANIMAL/CAT	1
ANIMAL/DOG	3
ANIMAL AT LARGE	59
ANIMAL/OTHER	9
WARRANT	124
ACCIDENT/FATALITY	1
ACCIDENT/PERSONAL INJURY	186
ACCIDENT/PROPERTY DAMAGE	630
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	97
PARKING COMPLAINT	122
ABANDONED CAR ON STREET	24
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	32
FALSE REPORTING	1
GENERAL INFORMATION	692
TRAFFIC HAZARD	67
TOWED VEHICLE	6
HITCHHIKER	4
OPEN DOOR	66
911 HANG UP	180

ANIMAL/ROADWAY	104
MISC. OFFICER	8
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	35
DAMANGE PROPERTY/NON-CRIM	1
TRASH COMPLAINT	39
WELFARE CHECK	236
VEHICLE COMPLAINT	690
ALARM	69
TRUANCY	5
TRAFFIC STOPS	2343
TOTAL	12633

CALLS BY GRIDS

The following statistics reflect calls received between the dates of 6-25-2001 and 12-31-2001

CITY OF BEATRICE	
GRID 1	1165
GRID 2	501
GRID 3	920
GRID 4	827
GRID 5	1230
GRID 6	591
GRID 7	970
GRID 8	961
GRID 9	406
GRID 10	569
GRID 11	649
GRID 14	191
GAGE COUNTY AREA	
GRID 13	165
GRID 15	18
GRID 16	65
GRID 19	6
GRID 20	47
GRID 21	37

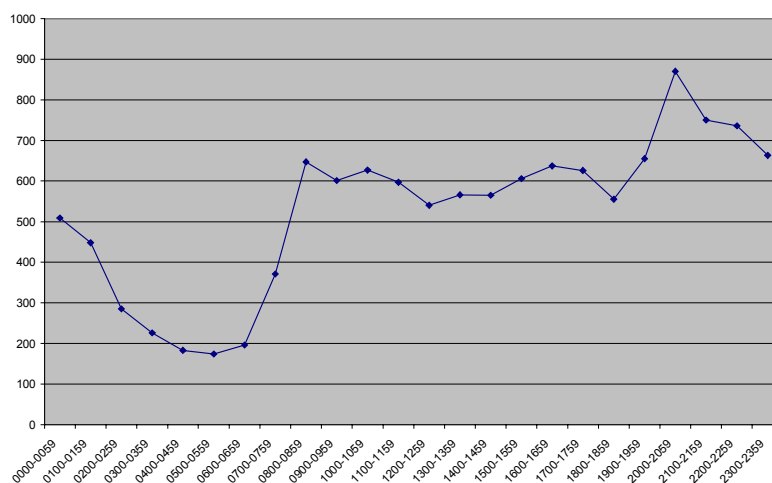
GRID 50	136
GRID 51	250
GRID 52	9
GRID 53	1
GRID 54	71
GRID 55	1
GRID 56	7
GRID 58	15
GRID 59	246
GRID 61	8
GRID 62	992
GRID 63	3
GRID 65	115
GRID 67	7
GRID 68	5
GRID 70	164
GRID 72	175
GRID 73	1
GRID 74	3
GRID 75	4
GRID 77	41
GRID 78	1
GRID 79	109
GRID 80	14
GRID 81	4
GRID 82	162
GRID 83	9
GRID 85	1
GRID 86	28
GRID 88	2
CITY OF WYMORE	
GRID 30	677
TOTAL	12633

CALLS BY TIMES

The following statistics reflect calls received between the dates of 6-25-2001 and 12-31-2001

0000-0059	509
0100-0159	448
0200-0259	285
0300-0359	226
0400-0459	183
0500-0559	174
0600-0659	196
0700-0759	371
0800-0859	647
0900-0959	601
1000-1059	627
1100-1159	597
1200-1259	540
1300-1359	566
1400-1459	565
1500-1559	606
1600-1659	637
1700-1759	626
1800-1859	555
1900-1959	655
2000-2059	870
2100-2159	750
2200-2259	736
2300-2359	663
TOTAL	12633

Number of Calls by Time



Patrol



Road Patrol

The backbone of all municipal law enforcement agencies is the road patrol. The Beatrice Police Department is no different. Three patrol officers and one supervisor staff the patrol division, on a 24 hour per day, seven days a week schedule. Our officers work 12-hour shifts, which affords them with every other weekend off.

While responding to over 16, 000 requests for service each year, we also ask our officers to watch for criminal activity throughout the community, enforce traffic laws, interact with the youth and other citizens, and provide a variety of services to the citizens of Beatrice.

Officers of Beatrice Police Department function under what is known as a generalist police officer philosophy. What this means is that rather than taking reports and then forwarding the case to a detective for follow up, the officer begins the investigation and continues the investigation through its various stages with only minor assistance from support personnel. We believe that this type of approach makes the officer more accountable to the public and also aids in enriching the professional growth of each officer.

Uniformed officers of the department are often the only contact citizens have with the Police Department, and we strive to make sure these contacts are as positive as possible under the circumstances.

Vehicle Summary

Two new police cruisers will be purchased during 2002. They will replace cruisers now being used by road patrol. One of the older cruisers will be transferred to the Board of Public Works, and the other cruiser will be sold. A bus was purchased to be turned into a mobile command center.

Three cars out of the Police Department's fleet will be under full warranty during 2002.

FLEET INFORMATION

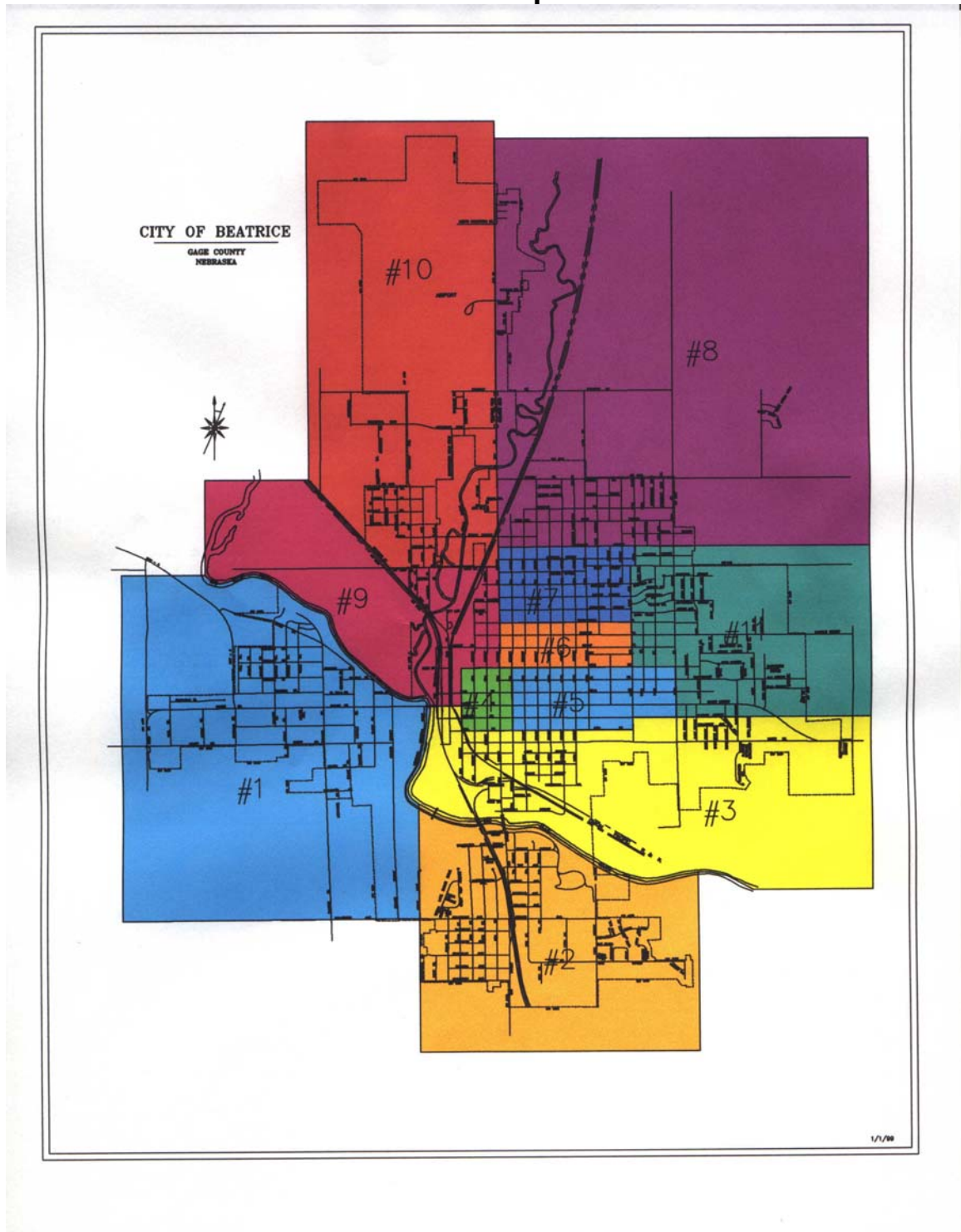
<i>Unit Number</i>	<i>Year/Make</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>Total Miles</i>	<i>Miles Driven in 2001</i>	<i>Use</i>
1	2000 Ford	LTD	32,520	24,020	Patrol
2	1999 Ford	LTD	59,100	19,324	Patrol
3	2001 Chevy	Blazer	16,150	15,160	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2000 Chevy	Impala	34,700	16,500	Patrol
5	2000 Chevy	Impala	50,800	34,520	Patrol
6	2001 Ford	LTD	10,320	10,320	Patrol
7	1997 Ford	LTD	66,470	2,770	Administration
8	1998 Ford	LTD	68,010	5,942	Investigations
9	1995 Ford	Mustang	45,890	1,780	Victim Assistance
10	1988 Chevy	Blazer	104,030	424	Patrol/ERT
11	1995 Chevy	Monte Carlo	45,330	7,730	Chief
12	1993 Chevy	Tracker	51,240	6,640	Meter/Animal
15	1997 Ford	LTD	68,760	1,440	School Resource

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	<i>2001</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>1998</i>
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	5,958.21	6,503.73	5,872.60
Gas and Oil*	18,350.21	10,536.34	9,012.23
Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance Supplies	3,932.64	5,326.00	5,583.91

*Includes Gas and Oil expenses of \$3,633.86 for SEADE Task Force.

Grid Map



The following statistics reflect data gathered between the dates of 6-25-2001 and 12-31-2001.

Traffic Stops by Grid

GRID 1	298
GRID 2	55
GRID 3	148
GRID 4	240
GRID 5	316
GRID 6	133
GRID 7	110
GRID 8	196
GRID 9	101
GRID 10	134
GRID 11	127
TOTAL	1858

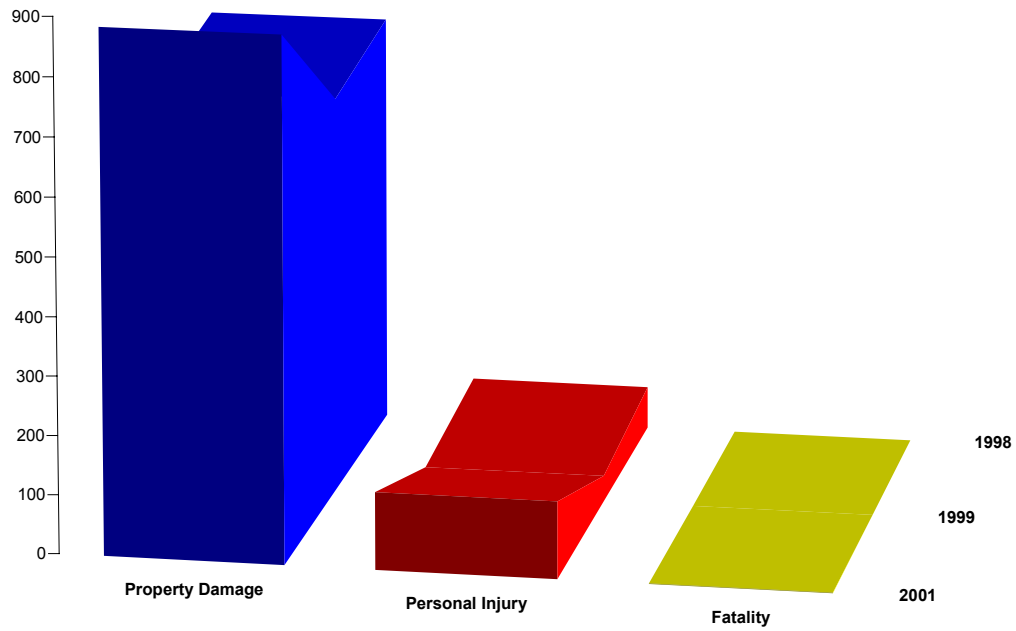
CITATIONS BY GRID

GRID 1	395
GRID 2	74
GRID 3	319
GRID 4	349
GRID 5	435
GRID 6	140
GRID 7	196
GRID 8	222
GRID 9	145
GRID 10	213
GRID 11	197
TOTAL	2685

Accident Data

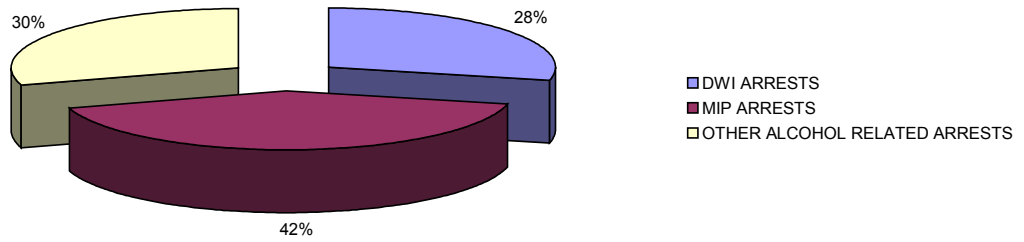
	1998	1999	2001
Property Damage	692	667	886
Personal Injury	71	44	131
Fatality	0	0	1
TOTALS	763	711	1018

Yearly Comparison



2001 Alcohol Related Arrests

	1998	1999	2001
DWI ARRESTS	82	70	102
MIP ARRESTS	133	143	150
OTHER ALCOHOL RELATED ARRESTS	30	27	106
TOTALS	245	240	358



Major Crimes



Major Crime Report

What a year. . . as we saw a rise in wages, the economy going strong, stock market way up, and then we saw job cuts, a stock market drop, and businesses closing. We have run the gamut this past year, and it would seem that major crimes have followed suit.

We have seen a reduction in sexual assault this past year, and a small drop in larceny calls. However we have seen a jump in assault calls, burglary and a most significant rise in car thefts.

We continue to see the theft of car stereos and purses from motor vehicles around town, and it seems like it makes no differences if the cars are locked or not. However it does make a difference if the items are in plain view or not. It seems that it takes very little to entice a brick through the window. Loose change in the center console will do the trick.

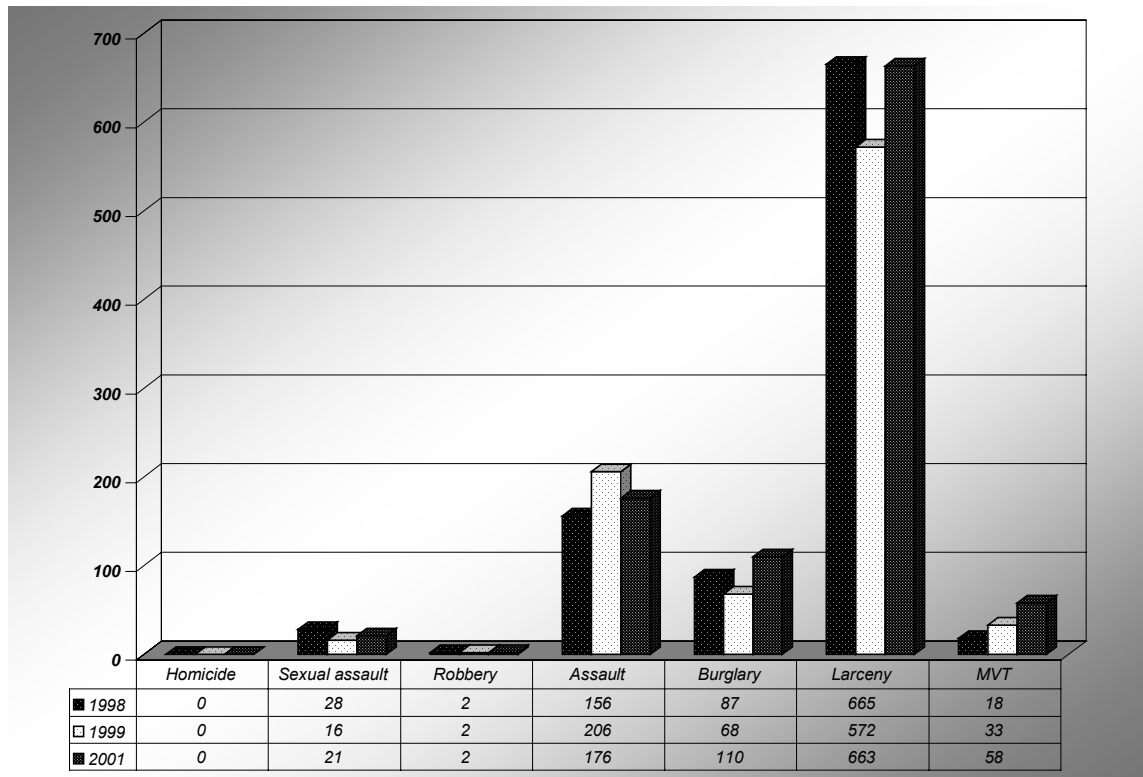
Motor vehicle thefts are really up this past year and we attribute that to a small group of people doing most of the thefts, mainly for joy riding. Again, it should be noted that 98% of these vehicles had the keys left in them.

One thing that has come to our attention is the influx of methamphetamine in our community. We feel there is a direct connection to many crimes committed in the Beatrice area. Many of the arrests we make for major and minor crimes lead back to the use of methamphetamine.

We did have two armed robberies in Beatrice in 2001. We were fortunate to have information supplied to us by both the victims and through crime stoppers reports that allowed our officers to make arrests and get convictions on both robberies.

MAJOR CRIMES

OFFENSE	1998	1999	2001
HOMICIDE	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	28	16	21
ROBBERY	2	2	2
ASSAULT	156	206	176
BURGLARY	87	68	110
LARCENY	665	572	633
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	18	33	58
TOTALS	956	896	1000



Value of Loss/Recovery*

	Loss	Recovered
Burglary	53,776	7,324
Theft (Including Fraud/Embezzlement)	157,674	5,369
Motor Vehicle Theft	229,985	206,785
Vandalism	87,877	

*Values are from May 1 through December 31, 2001

Investigations



Criminal Investigations Report

The Criminal Investigations unit is responsible for the investigation of cases that are of a complicated or time-consuming nature. These cases normally consist of homicides, suicides, felony thefts and felonious assaults. The Criminal Investigations Unit has one full time investigator and is under the command of the Operations Captain.

During 2001, the Investigation Unit saw several changes. The first was that after several years, Tony Lenners requested to be transferred back to the Road Patrol. Mike Oliver took over as the investigator. The Beatrice Police Department also created the Crime Scene Team and the Investigation Team. The addition of these two teams was to help with the investigation of major crimes. The Crime Scene team frees up the investigator to do interviews and follow-up rather than work the crime scene. The Investigation Team can assist when there are several people to be contacted.

During the first four months of 2001 the Investigations Unit primarily assisted the Nebraska State Patrol and the Gage County Sheriff's Office in a homicide investigation. The results of this investigation were that 3 people were convicted in the death of the 17-year-old female. There were also 3 people convicted of an assault and kidnapping of this 17-year-old female, and 3 others were convicted of perjury.

During 2001 there were two armed robberies reported in Beatrice. On July 4, at a local restaurant, a male suspect robbed a female waitress at knifepoint. There were two suspects taken into custody on July 6th, 2001. Both were convicted and sentenced to prison. On October 8th, 2001 a male suspect robbed a hotel clerk at knifepoint. There was one suspect taken into custody within six hours of the incident. The money that was taken during the robbery was recovered. The male pled guilty and was sentenced to prison.

During the summer and fall months of 2001, Beatrice experienced a substantial increase in the number of thefts from vehicles reported. The item of choice to steal was personal checks. This led to a large increase in the number of forgeries reported. There has also been a large increase in the number of motor vehicles reported stolen. From August to January there were 18 vehicles stolen. Although all have been recovered, some had significant damage done to them.

The Criminal Investigations Unit also conducts background investigations for department personnel, and for liquor license applications. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also a member of a countywide Child Abuse/ Neglect Investigative Team.

Crime Scene Team

A new addition to the Department this year was the creation of a crime scene team. The team consists of seven members, five sworn officers and two civilians, who have been receiving training in the processing of crime scenes. Three members attended a 40 hour FBI Crime Scene Processing and Interpretation School earlier in the year, and returned to provide training to the remaining members. To date, the team members have received training in crime scene searches, crime scene sketching, photography, processing of latent fingerprints, tool mark impressions, shoe and tire impressions, location and recovery of trace evidence, as well as the use of specialized equipment.

Training of the team will be ongoing in order to keep the team up to date on procedures and the use of new equipment. The team will be utilizing the mobile command vehicle, as it is large enough for the storage of team equipment and the securing of evidence as it is recovered. It also provides a climate controlled area during adverse weather conditions. The team will respond to crime scenes upon request and process the scene for evidence recovery, which will free up the patrol officers on the street as well as the criminal investigator. Since its inception, the team has responded to two burglaries and one suspicious death.



Arrests

Type of Arrest	1998	1999	2001
Assault	111	136	143
Sexual Assault	5	3	3
Drug Violations	77	75	141
Burglary	19	10	17
Theft	97	82	91
Criminal Mischief	56	55	47
Child Abuse/Neglect	8	20	12
Weapons Violations	14	9	9
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly Conduct	26	33	33
Protection Order Violation	8	7	3
MIP/Procuring	157	157	202
Driving Under Suspension	58	65	70
DWI/Refusal	95	81	102
Trespassing	17	8	10
Runaway	38	28	24
Other Arrests	185	165	175
TOTALS	1008	984	1082



Special Services

BEATRICE/GAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Beatrice/Gage County Emergency Response Team was formed in 1982 as a result of high-risk incidents requiring a small well-trained unit. Currently the 10 member tactical team is comprised of Beatrice police officers and Gage County sheriff's deputies, along with a 4-member team from the Beatrice Fire and Rescue for use as Tactical Medics. The Emergency Response Team is available to respond to incidents within the 860 square miles of Gage County to high risk incidents requiring high performance police tactics, to include; hostage rescue, barricaded subject, high risk search/arrest warrants, drug operations and dignitary protection. The Emergency Response Team is available to assist other agencies, to include the Southeast Area Drug Enforcement (SEADE) task force, with authorization of the Police Chief and the Sheriff.

Command of each incident falls with the agency head of the jurisdiction where the critical incident is located. The Team Commander, Beatrice Police Lieutenant Gary Wiebe is responsible for operational command of the ERT during a critical incident, and will approve, schedule and conduct team training as well as oversee the ERT budget. Team Leader, Beatrice Police Officer Tony Lenners, is responsible with developing a tactical plan and leading a tactical intervention during a critical incident, develop a training schedule and conduct monthly training. Assistant Team Leader, Gage County Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Phil Dittbrenner is responsible with assisting the team leader in developing a tactical plan and leading a secondary tactical intervention during a critical incident, assist with the development of a training schedule and conduct monthly training. Tactical Medical Team Leader, Firefighter Mike Massey coordinates medical training, and acts as a liaison to the ERT Team Commander.

Training is the key to a successful outcome during a critical incident. The Beatrice/Gage County Emergency Response Team trains as a unit five hours each month. During in-house training, team members stay proficient with equipment, firearms, high-risk tactics, and work to develop new tactics. The team frequently trains with Saline County SWAT allowing both teams to be available to each other for mutual aid.

Since the team was formed in 1982, equipment purchases have been modest, with most of the funding allotted for overtime expenses and training. During 2001, a substantial private donation was received and the funds used to purchase ten load bearing ballistic vests, to replace the older street vests, and Simunition training weapons to enhance training and allow for realistic training scenarios.

The following pages summarize team activation and training for the past year.

BEATRICE/GAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
ACTIVATIONS, TRAINING SUMMARY, AND TEAM INFORMATION

Activations;

- 01-06-2001 As part of a homicide investigation, a search warrant was obtained for a suspect's apartment. ERT was assigned to secure the residence and arrest the suspect, and then turn the residence over to investigators for a thorough search. While serving the warrant, the door had to be forced open. The suspect was arrested with minimal resistance.
- 09-10-2001 While performing follow-up for a forgery case, the officer was assaulted by a male. The male ran into a wooded area. ERT was requested for an open field search for the suspect. Information was later received that the suspect was hiding in a friend's house. ERT members searched the house and found the suspect hiding in the basement.

Team Training; (In house training)

- 05-29-2001 Dynamic Entry/Downed Officer Training (4 hrs) - LMOBr,BFR
06-26-2001 Building Search Scenario (3 hrs) – WLDMOBHBrHi,K9,BFR
08-10-2001 Range Training (5.5 hrs) – LOLeBBrHHi,BFR
08-29-2001 Live Fire Entry Drills (5 hrs) – WLDMLeBHBrHi,BFR
11-26-2001 BGCERT 3 day Tactical Operations Course (18 hrs)
Day 1 -NFDD/Chemical Munitions Update – WLMOBH,BFR
Day 2 -Range training – WLDMLeBHBrHi,BFR
Day 3 -Dynamic Entry/Barricade Scenario – LDBHHi,BFR
- Total 35.5 hours combined training
(265.5 total (combined hours X team members present))

Individual Training;

- 03-14-2001 Supervision and Management of the Special Operations Team –
Lenners
09-17-2001 Chemical Munitions Instructor – Henning
09-18-2001 Less Lethal Instructor – Leikam
09-19-2001 Noise/Flash Diversionary Device Instructor – Murphy
09-20-2001 Chemical Munitions Instructor – Henning

Team Member Information;

Team Commander	Gary W iebe	Beatrice Police Department
Team Leader	Tony L enners	Beatrice Police Department
Asst. Team Leader	Phil D ittbrenner	Gage County Sheriff's Office
Team Members	Jay M urphy	Beatrice Police Department
	Mike O liver	Beatrice Police Department
	Jeff L eikam	Gage County Sheriff's Office
	Gary B ergmeier	Gage County Sheriff's Office
	Wes H enning	Beatrice Police Department
	Erin B ryne	Beatrice Police Department
	Jason H inkle	Gage County Sheriff's Office
Negotiator	Jerry L amkin	Beatrice Police Department
K-9	Anna W hite	Gage County Sheriff's Office
Medical – BFR	Mike Massey	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Craig Fisher	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Jake Carrel	Beatrice Fire and Rescue
	Jim Young	Beatrice Fire and Rescue

Gage County Victim Assistance Program



The Victim Assistance Program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention

Personal Advocacy

Compensation Assistance

Jail Release Information

VINE Information/Registration

Parole Information

Victim Impact Statements

Transportation

Property Release

Protection Order Assistance

Restitution Information/Assistance

Criminal Justice Advocacy

911 Cellular Phones

- The Victim Assistance Coordinator co-facilitates a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault support group with Blue Valley Crisis Intervention that meets every Thursday afternoon.
- The Victim Assistance Coordinator also serves as a Board Member on the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime that meets monthly.

Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2001

TYPE OF SERVICE

NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED

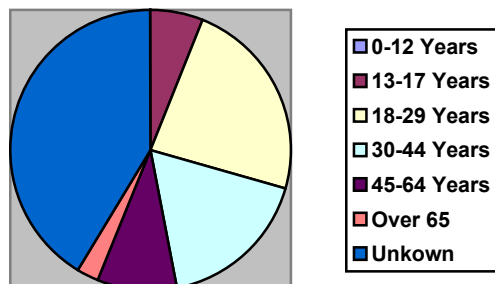
Crisis Counseling	150
Personal Advocacy	250
Referral to Shelter/Safe Home	10
Information/Referral (In Person)	95

Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	109
Emergency Financial Assistance	3
Follow Up Contact	335
Support Group	64
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	1,063
Compensation Assistance	8
Transportation	9
Protection order Assistance	198
Cellular Phone Program	17
Property Release	6
Restitution Assistance	141
Victim Impact Statement	150
Parole Information	2
Jail Release	30
VINE Information/Assistance with Registering	46
Other	124
Total Number of Services Provided	2,810
Total Number of Victims Served	307

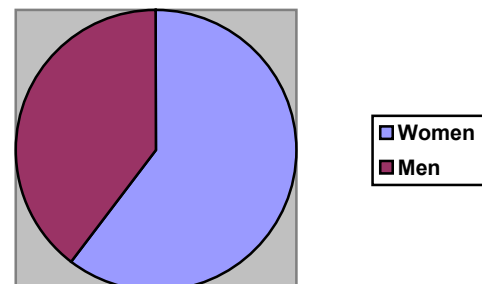
Type of Crime	Number of Victims Served	Type of Crime	Number of Victims Served
Homicide	9	Sexual Assault (Adult)	4
Child Abuse/Physical	3	Domestic Violence	70
Child Abuse/Sexual	7	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	3	Assault	28
Robbery	3	Elder Abuse	0
Burglary	14	Business	35
Criminal Mischief	47	Arson	1
Theft	24	Other	59

DEMOGRAPICS

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Training Summary

The Beatrice Police Department holds monthly training in the training room at the Police Department. This in-service training covers many different areas. These are taught by trained instructors from within our own department and from other agencies. We are fortunate to have several members of our department who are certified instructors in many areas of training.

Some of the training included firearms training taught by one of our three certified instructors, CPR certification, Defensive Tactics, Tactical Firearms, Dynamic practicals, Fingerprinting, Radar certification, Felony Stops and OC Aerosol Projector. All taught by certified instructors of the Beatrice Police Department.

Our continuing education plan for the Beatrice Police Department consisted, in part, of having employees attend the following schools. In all, we had 21 officers attend different schools outside our in-service training.

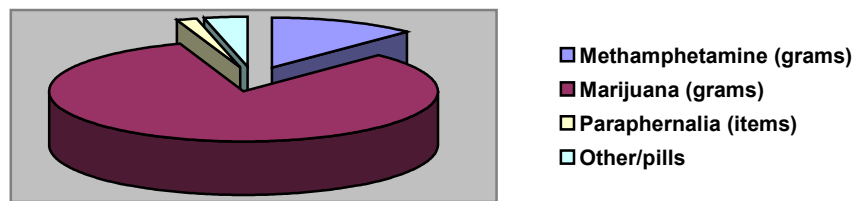
Rave/Ecstasy Recognition	Kansas City, MO
Meth Lab Recognition	Kearney, NE
Basic Field Training Officer	Grand Island, NE
Radar Recertification	Beatrice, NE
Supervision/Management of Special Operations	Lenexa, KS
Radar Recertification	Beatrice, NE
Radar Recertification	Beatrice, NE
PPCT Instructor Course	Grand Island, NE
Forensic Child Abuse Investigation	Grand Island, NE
Pre-Trial Diversion Seminar	Beatrice, NE
Property and Evidence	Douglas County, NE
Crime Scene Processing	Sidney, NE
Firearms Recertification	Grand Island, NE
Firearms Instructor	Grand Island, NE
Family Law for Social Workers and Counselors	Omaha, NE
Narcotics Enforcement Training	Tulsa, OK
PPCT Training	Beatrice, NE
White Collar Crime	Omaha, NE
Drug Trafficking in SE Nebraska	Beatrice, NE
Special Munitions Instructor School	Crete, NE
Crime Scene Search/Fingerprint Lifting	Beatrice, NE
Response to the Mobile Active Shooter	Beatrice, NE

SEADE REPORT

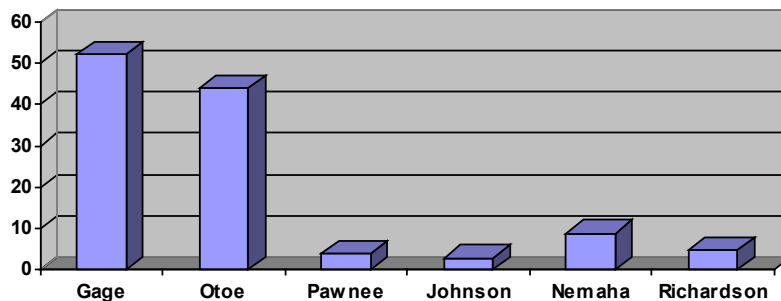
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives matching funds from the six counties that it serves. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the SEADE Grant year 2000-2001.

<u>Cases Initiated</u>	123
<u>Confidential Informants</u>	10
<u>Intelligence Reports</u>	328
<u>Arrests</u>	41

Drugs Seized



The SEADE Task Force serves a six county area. Below is a graph demonstrating cases per county.



The SEADE Task Force together with Jill Mitchell, an analyst for the Nebraska State Patrol, presented a slide show on meth labs and lab components to Nebraska City utilities employees, Blue Valley Community Action, Crisis Intervention, and Cedar's Youth Services employees.

Bike Patrol

The Beatrice Police Department Bike Patrol was utilized a little more than the previous year but it still was fairly inactive due to shortage of manpower. Approximately 125 miles were put on the bikes for regular patrol purposes between 4 different officers. During this time approximately 6 warnings, 9 citations and 6 arrests have been made. The bikes were also used for special events such as numerous parades, downtown activities and even the county fair.

We currently have the two bikes that were purchased when this program began back in 1993. Officer Coon has applied for and received approval for the purchase of two new equipped bikes, bike racks and bike clothing that will be ordered sometime during spring 2002. Currently there are 8 officers who ride the bikes either during their regular shift or during special events. We are hoping we can have a little more productive year in 2002.



School Resource Officer Program Overview (S.R.O) 2001



The School Resource Officer Program completed its second year of existence during the 2001 school year. As in the 1999-2000 school year, the program continued to show great promise and appeared to be quite successful in helping to cement bonds between the Beatrice Police Department and the Beatrice Public School District. A comparison of the numbers between the 1999-

2000 school year and the 2000-2001 school year show that the number of criminal violations are down, and that the program is making great strides in positive contact with students, and less and less contact with students in a negative manner (criminal arrests, etc).

In particular, the numbers at the Beatrice Middle School are significantly lower in the areas of theft, assault, harassment, and vandalism with regard to the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year. This is partially attributed to several repeat offender students being put into the juvenile criminal justice system. The Beatrice High School in the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year has experienced about the same number of disturbances and assaults, however numbers in the areas of theft and vandalism/criminal mischief are noticeably lower. In both the high school and the middle school, the number of reported truancy issues has been reduced by over fifty percent.

Efforts to reduce the problems in the parking lot at the Beatrice High School have been successful, although there is still room for improvement. No accidents were reported as having taken place on Orange Boulevard in 2001, which is the city street leading to the school; however several accidents were reported as having taken place in the school parking lot. In an effort to reduce criminal activity in the parking lot and inside the school, a significant amount of time was spent attempting to obtain a video camera system for placement at the Beatrice High School. As of this report, the 2002 Beatrice School Board approved the purchase of a video camera system; however installation has not yet begun.

Overall, support for the S.R.O program continues to be high, with school administration and staff assisting the program's success in any way possible. Several potentially dangerous conflicts have been avoided or defused by having students meet with both law enforcement and school administration to mediate the discussion. A more comprehensive and faster-acting system for dealing with

truancy has been developed, and harassment issues are being dealt with as quickly as possible in order to reduce continued stress on victim students. Class presentations are encouraged by school staff, and several presentations have been completed on topics including Gun Safety, Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Harassment/Protection Orders, DUI, MIP, Sexual Assault, and Driver's Education.

The following pages document the actual statistics recorded during the year of 2001. These numbers represent the second semester of the 2000-2001 school year and the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year. These statistics may or may not include any reports made directly to the police department, outside of school hours, of a crime which occurred at either school. It should be noted that very few crimes are reported this way as the students know that the S.R.O. is available at the school during the school day, however occasionally one is reported this way.

Criminal and Civil Statistics for Beatrice Middle School (2001)

❑ Students Counseled	134
❑ Students Aided	124
❑ Classroom Presentations Given	3
❑ Informal Presentation Given	11
❑ Parking Lot Patrol	81
❑ Traffic Enforcement/Patrol	31
❑ Traffic Direction	9
❑ Outside Patrols	155
❑ Inside Patrols	143
❑ Assist School Staff/Teachers	74
❑ Speak With/Assist Parents	186
❑ Criminal Investigations/Arrests	86
Assault/Harassment	18
Theft	27
Alcohol/Drugs	3
Racial	0
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	11
Traffic/Misc.	27
❑ Contacted By Staff Ref. Issue Outside School	146
❑ Non-Criminal Disturbance	16
❑ Field Trip With Students	0
❑ Home Visit Of Student	16
❑ Assist Probation Officers	17
❑ Mental Health Situations	3
❑ Traffic Accidents	2

❑ Security Issues	14
❑ Alcohol Violations	0
❑ Tobacco Violations	3
❑ Vehicle Complaints	4
❑ Assist Other Law Enforcement Officers	11
❑ Meetings with School Admin. Or Students	22

** Some students have been contacted/arrested for multiple violations over the course of the school year. These numbers do not necessarily reflect a different student for each event that occurred.

Criminal and Civil Statistics for Beatrice High School (2001)

❑ Students Counseled	248
❑ Students Aided	210
❑ Classroom Presentations Given	23
❑ Informal Presentation Given	28
❑ Parking Lot Patrol	243
❑ Traffic Enforcement/Patrol	117
❑ Traffic Direction	89
❑ Outside Patrols	165
❑ Inside Patrols	198
❑ Assist School Staff/Teachers	231
❑ Speak With/Assist Parents	297
❑ Criminal Investigations/Arrests	189
Assault/Harassment	39
Theft	57
Alcohol/Drugs	23
Racial	2
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	24
Traffic/Misc.	44
❑ Contacted By Staff Ref. Issue Outside School	299
❑ Non-Criminal Disturbance	78
❑ Field Trip With Students	2
❑ Home Visit Of Student	9
❑ Assist Probation Officers	38
❑ Mental Health Situations	17
❑ Traffic Accidents	17
❑ Security Issues	21
❑ Alcohol Violations	12

❑ Tobacco Violations	19
❑ Vehicle Complaints	39
❑ Assist Other Law Enforcement Officer	51
❑ Meetings with School Admin. Or Students	38

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